



Comprehensive Plan Community Wide Meeting Summary
Community Wide Meeting #3
December 4, 2006

Date of Meeting November 30, 2006
Location East Carrollton Recreation Department

In attendance Doug Cole
Emily Cole
Dave Schmit
Coral Walton
Jacy Weline
Mike Renfrow
Martha Setter
Dan Lewis
Melanie McClella
Bryan Hager
Sue Medeiros
Jay Trawick
John Trawick
Tim McGukin
Charles Griffin
Laci B. Campbell
Erica Studdard

Agenda

7:00 pm

Sign-in

Welcome & Introductions - Charles Griffin, City Planner

Issues and Opportunities Discussion – Lee Walton, MACTEC

Future Land Use/Urban Growth Area – Lee Walton

Open Question & Answer

Adjourn

Meeting Summary

At 7:15 PM, City Planner, Charles Griffin, kicked off the meeting with introductions and general facility information. Everyone in attendance was directed to the various displays, including various graphic representations of the Carrollton City limits, the Carroll County Future Land use Map and Carrollton Zoning Map. There were also



several handouts available, including a Comprehensive Plan update schedule and pamphlet detailing general background information on the Georgia State Minimum Planning Standards.

Charles then began with stating the purpose of the meeting and gave a brief overview of what to expect. Charles stated there were two goals for the meeting:

1. To engage the audience in an “Issues and Opportunities” discussion, and;
2. lead the audience on a discussion of future land use in the “urban growth area” as illustrated on the official Carroll County Future Land Use Map.

After a small discussion about the purpose of the meeting, Charles introduced Lee Walton, a consultant with MACTEC. Lee then led the group with the next two agenda items

Lee began by presenting a brief overview of what-is a Comprehensive Plan and why local governments are required to maintain and update them. Lee also spoke about the importance of public involvement during the Comprehensive Planning process and emphasized the need for as much public involvement as possible. Lee then asked the question, “What are the issues and opportunities within Carrollton?”

A discussion then began covering various issues and general ideas about the City of Carrollton. The issues and ideas included:

- Explore “vertical” development opportunities and mixed use
- Infrastructure improvements and need to “stay on top” of storm water needs
- Need for public transportation, particularly for the elderly and disabled
- Need for more downtown parking facilities
- Need to increase minimum stream bank buffers
- Access management for highways 16, 27 and 166
- “Beautifying” Columbia Drive with enhanced landscaping
- Architectural and streetscape overlay for Maple Street
- Explore big box redevelopment opportunities, particularly for the Lake Carroll Mall shopping center
- Expand sidewalks and create bike lanes

Each item was generated and discussed by the audience with some members participating more than others.

After concluding the issues and opportunities discussion, Lee Walton then explained the next agenda item, future land use. Lee explained that during the Carroll County Comprehensive Planning process, while developing the County Future Land Use Map, an area was illustrated as the “urban growth area,” an area representing unincorporated areas on the fringe of the Carrollton city limits. The goal of the next portion of the meeting was to receive input from the audience regarding future uses within the urban growth area.



To assist in this discussion, each table was provided a base map illustrating the corporate limit of the City of Carrollton as well as the urban growth area. Each table was also provided colored pencils representing various future uses (e.g. residential, commercial, mixed use, industrial, etc.). The audience was then given approximately 30 minutes to color their uses.

After finishing the exercise, Lee Walton asked each group to present their map. Each group was asked to make a few points regarding why a particular use was selected for an area. After each group spoke, the exercise was concluded.

(base map illustrations are on file at Carrollton City Hall)

After doing so, Charles Griffin explained that all land use suggestions would be considered then illustrated for the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council during the early part of 2007. Charles also gave an overall schedule and what to expect over the next few months.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.